

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7005

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Gibson County High School Future Farmers of America chapter for its exemplary leadership and achievements.

WHEREAS, organized in 1928 to promote leadership, personal growth, and career success among high school agriculture students, the Future Farmers of America (FFA) continues to play an important role in ensuring the growth and prosperity of agriculture in Tennessee and the nation by expertly molding our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve," gives direction and purpose to these future leaders for tomorrow's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, during the fall of 2009, the Gibson County High School FFA chapter participated in a number of conferences and competitions designed to enhance the leadership abilities and skills of these intrepid young men and women; and

WHEREAS, at the Greenhand Conference, students attended several workshops, activities, and leadership sessions, offering insightful information to the chapter members on agriculture; and

WHEREAS, climbing into pits 4 to 6 feet deep and offering their opinion on the quality of the soil, the Gibson County High School FFA team members displayed outstanding character and skill by placing second at the District Level in the soil judging competition; and

WHEREAS, the livestock judging team also performed masterfully for the Gibson County High School FFA chapter throughout the fall of 2009, displaying skills and abilities beyond their years; and

WHEREAS, several chapter members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, proudly representing the State of Tennessee while attending leadership

sessions, workshops, career and college fairs, and meeting future agricultural leaders from all over the country; and

WHEREAS, the young men and women of the Gibson County High School FFA chapter have displayed exceptional ability, skill, and leadership. Haley Jones, Faith Abbott, Blake Reese, Michael Morris, Leslie Dodd, Amanda Fender, Caleb Mills, Zach Wright, Cody Holland, Chad Zarecor, Robert Joyce, Drew Norvell, Emilee Wright, Emily Oliver, Texanna Edwards, Katy Reynolds, Blake Reese, Jake Davis, Elizabeth Wylie, Kayla Baier, Hayley Jones, Jeff Record, and Zach Marbrey, with the help of their parents and supporters, have represented their community and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, due to the energy, enthusiasm, and involvement of some of the school's finest students, Gibson County High School's FFA chapter will no doubt continue to prosper well into the future; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of our farmers and agricultural innovators, and thanks to the efforts of organizations like the Future Farmers of America, Tennessee will continue to boast some of the world's most productive farms for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Gibson County High School Future Farmers of America chapter for its exemplary leadership and achievements, and wish its members all the very best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.